<u>REMARKS</u>

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2	Applicants appreciate the Examiner's detailed consideration of the present application. In
3	response to the September 25, 2003 Office Action applicants have cancelled claims 13 and 20-30 and
4	have added new claims 31-47 to claim an embodiment of the present invention which had not been
5	previously considered.
6	All of the pending claims stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 103 over Manian et al.
7	U.S. Patent No. 6,130,745 (Manian). None of the rejected claims remain pending. As to new claims
8	31-47, a method is claimed for coating glass for use in a solid state standard comprising the steps of
9	applying a first layer, preferably TiO2, baking the coating, applying one or more second layers,
10	preferably of SiO ₂ , baking the coating again, applying a final layer, preferably of TiO ₂ , and baking once
11	again at a specified temperature. Manian fails to even remotely suggest a method of coating glass for a
12	solid state standard. Applicants submit that the new claims are clearly differentiated from the prior art -
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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present invention as claimed represents a novel and patentable

contribution to the art, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action

is respectfully requested.

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